

American Legion Post 490



Johnny Lundstrom, Commander

Blast for September 16, 2019

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GALLEY

Lunch	Tuesday through Friday	1100 to 1400
Dinner	Tuesday through Thursday	1700 to 2000
	Friday and Saturday	1700 to 2100

***Tuesday through Thursday from 1700 to 1900
half-price appetizers will be available.***

CLUB ROOM HOURS

Monday thru Thursday	1100 to 2200
Friday and Saturday	1100 to 2400
Sunday	1200 to 2100

ENTERTAINMENT

Free Pool Table Play on Monday evenings from 1700 to 2100

Will Lopez – Karaoke September 14th

John Puma – Karaoke September 21st

LEGION FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, September 18 – Air Force Birthday Celebration

Friday, September 20 – Dinner honoring POW/MIA members. \$10 per plate. Open to public. More information to come.

Saturday, September 21 – Post Clean-up day

Saturday, October 12 – Car Show

Sunday, October 13 – Navy Birthday Celebration

Saturday and Sunday, October 19/20 – Air Show

Sunday, October 20 – VA Hospital Steak Sunday

Saturday, October 26 – Kids Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27th – Blood Drive

Saturday, Nov 16 – The Auxiliary's Annual Christmas Dance – Tickets will be \$15. More details to come from the Auxiliary.

Info from John Cronin, Adjutant:

We have some important dates coming up at the Post. Looking for great participation at these events:

September 20th there will be a dinner in the hall to honor our POW/MIA members. There will be a special guest speaker. Dinner is \$10.00 a plate and is open to the community.

October 27th we will be having a blood drive. Come out and give the Gift of Life. Hours are 10 am – 3 pm. Snacks will be served in the Hall.

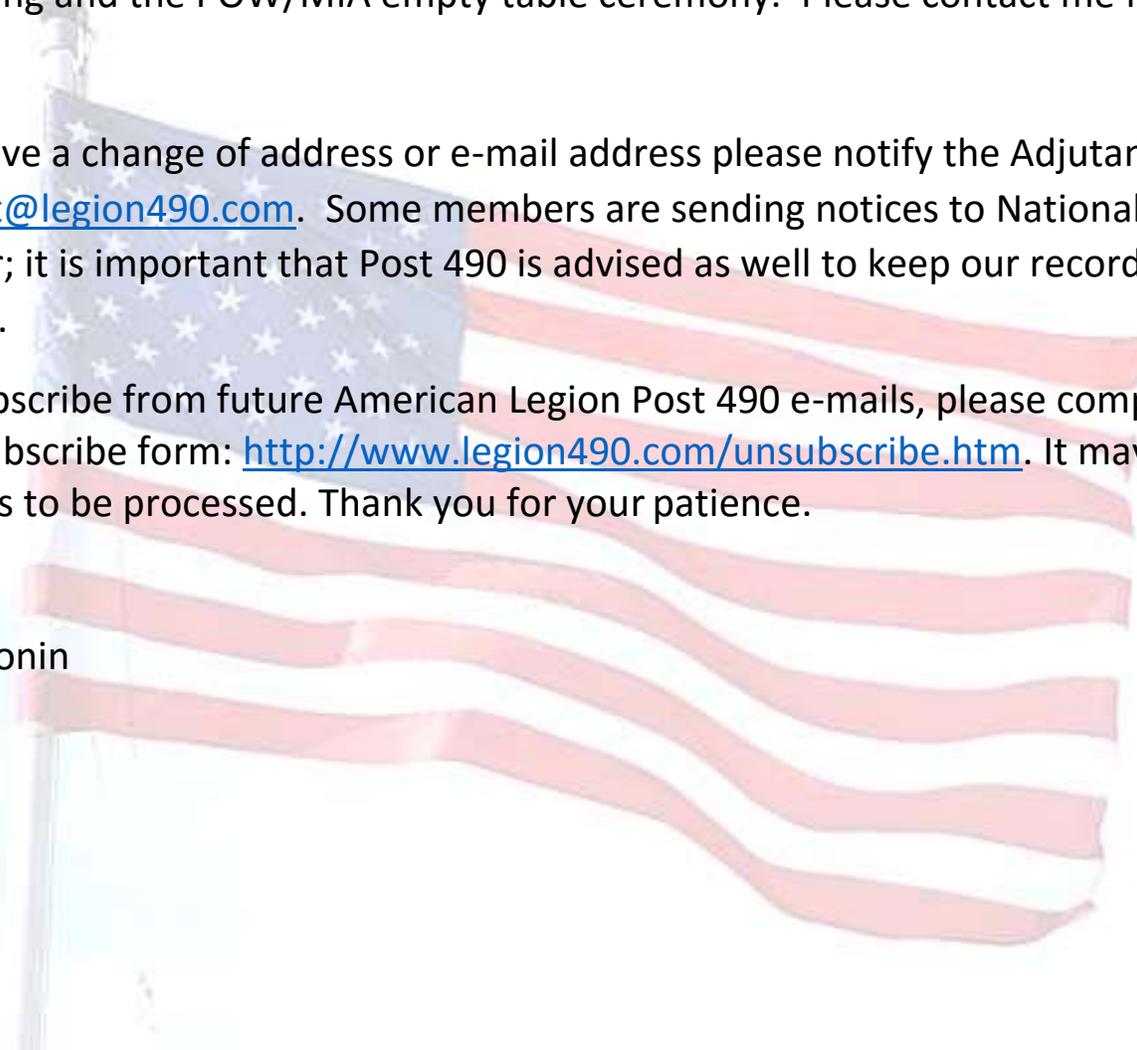
Volunteers are needed for Children and Youth. If you would like to go to a school and teach our young children about our flag and Americanism, please contact Children and Youth Chair, Bonnie Fraley at 713-805-6529.

Volunteers are needed to go to the nursing homes and do a presentation of the flag folding and the POW/MIA empty table ceremony. Please contact me for details.

If you have a change of address or e-mail address please notify the Adjutant at Adjutant@legion490.com. Some members are sending notices to National, however; it is important that Post 490 is advised as well to keep our records updated.

To unsubscribe from future American Legion Post 490 e-mails, please complete the unsubscribe form: <http://www.legion490.com/unsubscribe.htm>. It may take 7 – 10 days to be processed. Thank you for your patience.

John Cronin



Info from Robert Harvey, Chaplain:

Wednesday is the US Air Force Birthday and Friday is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." -- Henry Ford

Not everything is easy. Just as the airplane must fight against the wind to take off, we often have to fight to get where we want to be. In life, we are continually fighting against something for our betterment. The rewards are better when we've earned them, not given them.

People my age and in all fairness some youngsters remember having to work for anything we wanted. You only received anything free on Christmas and other special days. We worked hard for an allowance and as soon as we were old enough, we had to get a job to pay our way. I remember once as a young teenager I wanted a new radio. My Father made me sign a loan for the \$7 or \$8 the radio cost. After I was married and had children my Father found that loan in his desk drawer. I had to pay off the loan.

Life does not always go smooth, embrace the difficult times. We might not realize it at the time, but our hardships could be exactly what we need for our growth. Additionally, the rough times make pleasant times even more enjoyable.

Just as David had to fight and slay Goliath, we must fight our giants. I can't guarantee you a kingdom like David ended up obtaining, but I can tell you the battle will be worth the reward.

Please pray for the sick and troubled among us. If you know of or have any prayer requests, let me know about them.

If ever I can do anything for you, please let me know. I can't know if not told. Here is my email address and cell phone number.

Service to God and Country

CH Robert Harvey
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Info from Ben Edwards, Trustee:

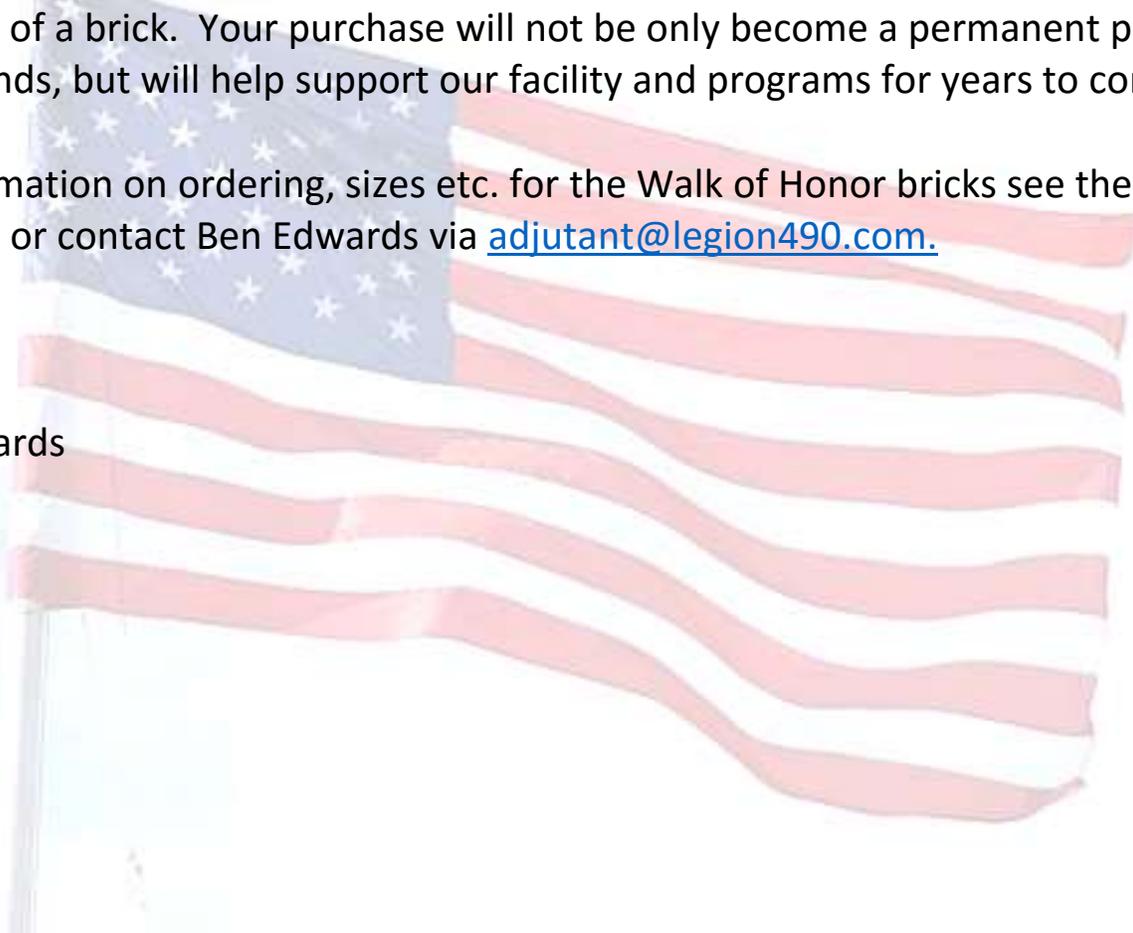
The American Legion Post 490 is pleased to offer you the opportunity to participate in our Walk of Honor Program. The Post designated an area to create a commemorative brick walkway adjacent to the Post building.

All Veterans, family members, or friends are invited to help pave the way to the continued success of our facility. With the purchase of a personalized laser engraved brick, you can honor a Veteran of your choice. All parents, children, friends battle buddies, shipmates or wing men may honor a loved one with the purchase of a brick. Your purchase will not only become a permanent part of our grounds, but will help support our facility and programs for years to come.

For information on ordering, sizes etc. for the Walk of Honor bricks see the posted brochure or contact Ben Edwards via adjutant@legion490.com.

Thanks,

Ben Edwards





Location of the Walk of Honor

There are two different bricks available for purchase. The 4" x 8" brick has 3 lines each with 21 spaces for engraving. The 8" x 8" brick is available either with or without an emblem. Bricks without an emblem have 6 lines each having 21 spaces available. The brick with an emblem have 6 lines but are restricted to 18 characters per line. In all cases, any grammar or spaces count as a character.

The 4" x 8" bricks are available for \$75 each while the 8" x 8" is available for \$150. You should also consider adding a souvenir brick to your order. These bricks will have an 18 character limit and either 3 lines or 6 lines and come with a felt backing and are suitable for display. Sizes are either 1.5" x 3" for \$25 (3 lines) or 3" x 3" (6 lines) for \$50. Both bricks are a half inch thick.

Remember, this is a chance to honor any veteran who has made an impact in your life, from the past or present.



Contact Us

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11702 Galveston Rd
Houston, TX 77034

<http://www.legion490.com>
Across from Ellington Field

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Info from the Auxiliary of the American Legion:

The Auxiliary sponsored four players for a House a Veteran Golf Game on September 2. The purpose of the golf tournament was to raise money to house homeless veterans.

The Family Training Event at Post 521, scheduled for September 14, has been postponed until January 2020. I will keep you posted of actual date once known.

September 18 is the Air Force's Birthday. We will have cake in the club room at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate.

The next Christmas Dance Committee meeting will be September 19 at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to participate.

The Auxiliary donated 20 kids backpacks to Bay Area Turning Point. They were very appreciative of this donation for kids in need.

The Annual Auxiliary Christmas Dance is coming up November 16, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Tickets will be \$15 each and can be purchased from the bartender or an Auxiliary member who has the tickets. Food will be provided. We will have silent auction items, raffles: a booze cooler, lottery scratch off tickets, 50/50 and gift cards valued at \$500 and \$100. Come out and enjoy some music, by LUX 5, while we raise money to support our veterans.

Have a great day!

Robin

Robin Lott

Auxiliary President, Unit 490
(281) 827-8897 Personal Cell



ALA President, Robin Lott delivering backpacks to Bay Area Turning Point.

Info from the Sons of the American Legion:

Upcoming events:

October 19 and 20

Air show – We need volunteers! A signup sheet will be posted in October. TWO military jet demonstration teams... the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.

September Meeting Notes:

The lucky winner of the freezer and meat raffle was: **Robert Harvey**

Discussed topics included air show preparation and planning, membership booth at air show, raffle profits, received \$500 donation, sponsorship of military families for Christmas, and other upcoming events.

Please take time to be attend the next meeting on October 9th at 6 pm, leading up to the Air Show, our biggest fund raising event of the year, we need help with planning and volunteers for the big event.

Richard Hughes

SAL 1st Vice, South Houston Squadron 490

richard@cns-tx.com

(832) 372-3871 Richard's Mobile

Info from the Riders:

Car/Bike/Jeep Show

Sponsored by the American Legion Riders Post 490

Saturday, Oct 12
Noon – 4:00 pm

Come show us your ride
If it has wheels ... Bring it Out!!
Everyone and Everything Welcome

Check-in begins at 10:00 am
No Prizes will be awarded – Only for show

50/50 Raffles
Cold Beer!!

\$10 BBQ Plates
Brisket or Chicken

Door Prizes
Music



American Legion Post 490

11702 Old Galveston Rd

Contact John Evans @ 281-703-9299 for details

Supports our veterans, active duty service
members and first responders.

Info from Johnny Lundstrom, Commander:

I am really liking how the Post is coming together! We have many events planned for the next few months and I see everyone pulling together in the right direction to get things done! Way to go Post family! There are many ways in which you can volunteer your time coming up in the near future. Check the post calendar and get with the organizers to see how you can be of help. Every minute and hour of your time is INVALUABLE to the Post and is greatly appreciated.

September is Suicide Prevention month. It can be difficult to talk about mental health, and people may not know what they can do to help prevent suicide. Actions such as asking how someone is feeling or inviting them to meet for coffee, can help them feel less alone and have a sense of belonging. We are a family and we should show one another that we care. Reach out to someone today.



Johnny Lundstrom



*Submissions for the Blast are due by
3 pm on Thursdays. You may drop them by the office at the post
or email Connie Tenney, Historian at Historian@Legion490.com*

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